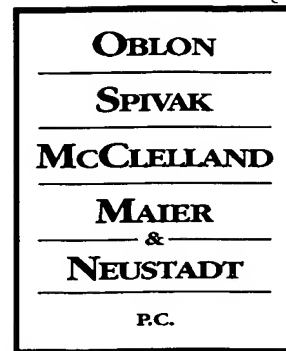




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/674,463  
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Group Art Unit: 3736  
Examiner: APANIUS, MICHAEL

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Response to Restriction Requirement**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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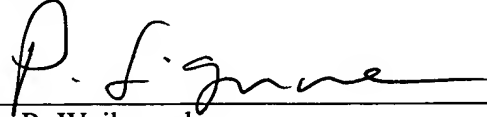
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 22, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect Group 1, Claims 1-19 and 21-45 directed to analyte taking devices, and Species 1 directed to Figure 1, and list Claims 1-19, and 21-43 as readable thereon. Applicants note that Figures 2-6 relate to the same embodiment as the one shown in elected Figure 1. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a full examination on the merits be conducted.

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